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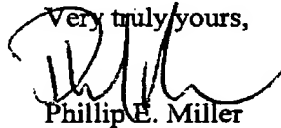
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Re: Filing of Amendment
U. S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/885,046
Our Ref: NGB.170

Dear Examiner Hu:

Enclosed please find an Amendment filed in response to the Office Action dated May 28, 2004, which should place the above Application in condition for immediate allowance.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration of this case.

Very truly yours,

Phillip E. Miller

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Enclosure